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METRO PICTURES

Wednesday at the Olympic — Metro presents Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "Red, White and Blue Blood."

LIST OF DRAFTEES WHO WILL LEAVE FEB. 23 COMPLETED

Official notice was received by the local exemption board this morning as to the departure of the next percentage of men from this district. The men will leave this city Saturday, Feb 23rd, at 5 p. m. A special train will be made up at Pittsburgh and will gather up men at all points along the line. The train is scheduled to arrive in Connellsville at 6 p. m. Supper will be served to the draftees in that city and they will leave at 6:30, arriving in Richmond, Va., the next morning.

The men examined this afternoon will be held until the next call for men. Following are the names of the men who will leave on Feb. 23:

11—Gordon T. Lane
3673—James Mazzei
1097—James Gilmore
3479—Thomas Miller Watson
3790—Stanley Oginski
1420—William Sell
2171—John Battis
629—Louis Molinari
2626—Domenico Sbrocco
3534—John T. Irwin
48—Ulderegn Di Mattinac
4085—Charles Gustav Gansler
473—John B. Cook
2524—William Clifford Aubrey
745—Lawrence Lesianas
3490—Charles William Young
1055—Ralston Earl Maxwell
3765—Don Hamilton
3511—John William Walker
217—William Richard Quinlon
3112—Edward F. Jenussewski
1018—Raymond J. Pearce
671—Herbert William Allison
3748—George Garalos
2404—Frank L. Swearington
26—Carl Leigheber
1701—Peter Patris
479—William Henry Williams
461—John Richard Roberts
480—David E. Wells
3876—Victor C. Malo
3166—Clyde Stacy Reagan
3710—Mike Ondic
106—Thomas McLaughlin
1092—Milton Hall
2916—Regis McCaffery Gleason
2903—Victor Poole Morgan
2876—Frank Connell Wilson
3680—Joseph A. Martin
3119—Robert Horton
3760—George Blackburn Finley
1046—Louis Peter Natalie
2534—James F. Taylor

—Miss Marion Hiskey and Miss Grace Cadd jointly entertained about forty guests at the Hisky home on Rostraver street, Thursday evening at a valentine party. The evening was spent in games and music. The home was tastefully decorated in keeping with the Valentine season, also the national colors. Several out of town guests were there from Charleroi and Monongahela. At a late hour a dainty lunch was served.

STAR THEATRE

Paramount Picture ARTCRAFT PICTURES

TODAY—Marjorie Wilson in a Triangle play entitled "Flames of Chance."

MONDAY—Jackie Saunders, the tomboy of the screen in "Betty be Good."

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MEYERS' STORE

Leaves For Washington

Miss Pearl Austin of 46 Sixth street gave a party at her home last night in honor of Miss Jennie B. Weir of Monongahela, chief operator at the Monessen office of the Bell Telephone company. The party guests consisted of the operators of the local office, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amusements of different kinds were indulged in, and the evening was enlivened by music, the whole being followed by a sumptuous yet dainty repast, served by Mrs. Clyde Austin, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Wallace Wilson and Mrs. Ernest Grove.

The honor guest, Miss Weir, has resigned her position here and will go to Washington, D. C., where she will take a responsible position in telephone work. She carries with her all possible good wishes of her many friends, both here and at Monongahela.

—Great opportunity for the women of Monessen in war times to attend the free discussions and demonstrations in the basement of the Christian church, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22 at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

—If you buy your pants during our clearance sale, you can save 50c and $1.00 and on some $1.50—A. Nayhouse, 521-525 Schoonmaker avenue, Monessen. 16-3t

The Community Bible Class

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Discussion of Garbage Question Reveals Jekyl and Hyde Organ

"Here's The Proof."

Monessen News
Friday evening, Feb. 15

"Council has at last passed an ordinance with teeth, an ordinance that is legal and fixes clearly the responsibility for taking care of the town's refuse. The point has been raised that this responsibility should be placed on the tenants rather than on the property owner. This it would appear is a minor question as the landlord is in a position at all times to compel compliance on the part of his tenants with the law. *** It is clear that the intention of our ruling body was good and is entitled to support rather than criticism which sheds no light on the problem it is trying to solve. *** Authority is vested in council, and in council alone to dispose of this subject, but every move made in this direction has met with a storm of protest and misdirected criticisms. *** Garbage cans cost from $2.00 to to $2.40 each and in other towns where cans are being furnished by the landlord, renewals are at the rate of less than one per year for each tenant, so it does not appear that any material burden has been placed on the landlord. *** To complain of this ordinance is in effect to acknowledge that Monessen should be classed with the unprogressive towns, for this ordinance is practically a duplicate of ordinances now in force in most up-to-date communities in the country. Wheeling, New Castle and many other well governed towns have ordinances more stringent than the one prepared for Monessen.

"Responsibility should be placed on citizens for cans and conditions, the one making the garbage and the one served."

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"Had the town possessed its own garbage site, its own incinerating plant, its own Ford trucks, and then its own drivers or contractors in about that order of things, the situation with regard to satisfaction might have been different. But council undertook this vexing and difficult task with a tax duplicate to work with, and council and the town have been forced into a reverse order of things to insure immediate relief, but naturally enough with only varying and doubtful success thus far. *** We had hoped neither to condemn the system until after fair trial nor to approve before it had succeeded, but several points seem to have become so prominent that silence seems impossible. We believe that Editor Pore is so far right in his contention against the property owner clause that Burgess Stewart should veto it, carrying with it a request to council to enact the same classifying ordinance placing the responsibility of removing garbage on the citizen.**It is believed however that our contemporary is quite right in his attack upon that feature of the ordiance recently passed to determine what is garbage and what is refuse, which requires the property owner to assume the care and responsibility of removing garbage, as well as the expense. *** With the removal of all cost to the served and the ending of responsibility invites lack of interest and appreciation. The mistake of the ordinance was in placing the burden further upon the property owner. This feature will prove a 'joker' for the tenant."

Where Does the News Stand on the Question.

WELL KNOWN MAN DEAD

John E. Edwards, Sr., of Lock 4, dropped dead last evening at 9 o'clock, at the home of his sister, Sarah Edwards, at Roscoe, death being due to heart trouble, at the age of 60 years Death overtook him on his birthday. Deceased was well known about Lock 4, Monessen and Charleroi, having moved to Lock 4 during 1912 from California. Most of his life had been devoted to mining, but he had lived a retired life during the past five years.

Mr. Edwards is survived by two children, Elizabeth at home, and John E. Jr., a member of Monessen's local exemption board. The funeral will be held at the home of his sister, in Roscoe. Services will be held at 1:30 Monday conducted by the Rev. R. B. Ward of the Methodist church of Roscoe. Interment will be in Highland cemetery, California.

—James Austin writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin of 46 Sixth street, that he has arrived safely in France and had a most enjoyable trip, and likes the country very much, stating that the scenery and general topography are just about the finest he ever saw, and the weather is delightful. He sends very best wishes to all friends in Monessen.

Presbyterian Church

The Rev. J. C. Steele will preach at both the morning and evening services in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, February 17th. Rev. Steele is a candidate for the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church. All members and friends of the church are urged to be present. Everybody is welcome.

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FOOD DEMONSTRATION HERE NEXT WEEK

To the Women of Monessen—

Because of the World Food situation, due to the conditions brought about by the war, namely, the scarcity of certain foods and the uniformly high prices of foodstuffs, every homemaker wants to know more about foods and their uses, so that she may use all foods to the best advantage.

And so to teach the American women home economics, the states are sending our women who have had both practical and technical training to give lectures and demonstrations. Miss Hilton, the demonstrator for Westmoreland county, will be in Monessen Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22. Meetings are to be held in the basement of the Christian church at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., both days. Demonstrations free.

It becomes the duty of every woman in Monessen to take advantage of this opportunity.

Topics covered in discussions and demonstrations will be:

1.—Value and uses of grains and grain products.
2. Meat savers and substitutes.
3.—Making of foundation patterns for cutting and making clothes.
4.—Problems of fats and sweets.
5.—Selection of food materials and planning meals.
6.—Care and repair of clothing.

BACHELORS DROWNED IN THEIR HOME

Titusville, Pa., Feb. 15.— Walter Dawson, aged 79, and Jesse R. Dawson, aged 66, brothers living alone in a house at the head of Dawson Run on the Allegheny River, near Tionesta, were drowned early this morning when water forced through a railroad culvert by a gorge that formed in Tionesta inundated their home. The bodies were found late today, frozen stiff, the men clad only in night clothing. One had been washed into the yard and the other just outside of the house. They were bachelors.

The same flood backed up Tionesta Creek and swept away a three-span iron bridge, also damaging two piers of the river gridge. Many houses in the lower parts of Tionesta were flooded and the occupants escaped scantily clad in the early hours this morning. A gorge is still fast in the creek and Tionesta citizens are fearful of another flood.

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WEDESDAY—Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "Red, White and Blue Blood," 6 acts, Metro production.

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Last night's basket ball game in the High school auditorium between two of the strongest High school teams that ever met on a local floor, Canonsburg, was largely attended, the crowd being very enthusiastic and showed great faith in the prowess of the home team.

This game was the hardest fought and fastest ever witnessed in Monessen, as well as being the best played game by both teams.

The team work of Monessen's boys was superior to that seen in any game yet played, their work being superior to that of the visitors in every way. However, the weight of the members of the visiting team served as a balancer and put both teams almost on an equality. The fact that neither team had yet met defeat this season created more than usual interest in the game.

The local team was somewhat weakened from the fact that on account of death one of the best players, Howard, was absent.

At the end of the first half, the score stood 18 to 14 in favor of Monessen, and at no time during the game was Canonsburg in the lead. At 24 the score was tied, with only a few seconds to play, when Miller dropped in a foul, deciding the game. The score follows:

Monessen		Canonsburg
Gibson, C.	F.	Campbell, Capt.
Allison	F.	Heckart
Miller	C.	Greer
Reed	G.	Hardy
Bumbaugh	G.	Courtney

Referee—Carlson of the University of Pittsburgh. Field Goals—Gibson, 3; Allison, 1; Miller, 1; Campbell, 2; Heckert, 1; Hardy, 3. Field goals—Miller 15out of 26; Greer, 12 out of 22.

Gibson and Allison made the best showing for Monessen, while the stars for Canonsburg were Campbell and Hardy. The next game will be played at Donora next Friday night—Monessen vs. Donora.

Monessen People In Benefit Play

The entertainment given in the Star theatre, Sunday, Jan. 20, by the Workmen's Circle of Monessen, is to be given in New Kensington tomorrow, the entire proceeds to be applied toward the benefit of the European war service. This is a melo-drama in five acts, entitled "Tates, Mames, Tzurys," or "The Troubles of Parents."

When produced at the Star theatre, the town was crowded to the doors, there not being even standing room, and professionally and financially it was a most wonderful success, every one being highly pleased.

At New Kensington the play will be put on under the auspices of Branch No. 488 of the Workmen's Circle, and the members of the company are anticipating a hearty reception and large attendance.

The leadership of this company, along with every member have spared neither time or expense in bringing the play up to a point of professional perfection, and can scarcely be termed amateurs.

The company will leave Monessen on the 10 o'clock train Sunday morning. Those in the cast are as follows: Mr. J. Keegeo, Mrs. Schecter, Mr. L. Schecter, Miss Anna Katz, Mr. H. B. Bazell, Mr. D. Rosen, Mr. S. Stern, Mr. H. Stone, Mr. J. Stern, Miss Ida Levin, Miss Fannie Jankovitz, Mr. Krasnotaly, Mr. S. Boochman.

—Walter Heater left today for his home in Oil City to spend the week end.

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Geo. Walsh in "The Pride of New York at the Olympic Monday

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THE INCOME TAX RETURNS

The people who are making income tax returns complain that the system is more complicated than ever. Many men go a long distance to find an internal revenue collector or deputy, and let him put the thing on paper, rather than try to get the thing straight themselves. Long lines of people waiting for a chance to appear before the revenue men are reported from many places. The deputies do not agree among themselves as to the meaning of the questions or the requirements of the government. There is much cussing and fuming and fretting, and people feel relieved when at last the formidable paper is signed and sworn to and off their hands.

The law was enacted very hastily as a war measure. It is in great need of revision. It should be put in the hands of experts who should reprint a new form removing contradictions and manifest iniquities. A smooth working law will help reconcile people to paying the tax. The provisions should be so clear that anyone could make out the blank without having to consult a lawyer or hunt up an internal revenue man.

WORK VS. THOUGHT

According to Swiss papers received in this country, the authorities in Germany are taking steps to provide plenty of work for all females from 16 to 70 years of age. It's as a preventive of suicide, the idea being that, when a woman is hauling a plow, or digging potatoes, or at other hard manual labor, she gets so tired that she goes right to sleep at night, and does not lie awake thinking about how her husband, father, son or brother has been blown to pieces and buried in obedience to the kaiser.

In Prussia, Westphalia, Saxony and Bavaria, the number of suicides in 1917 increased by 16 per cent. over previous years, and 75 per cent. of the suicides were women. The thing is alarming to the German autocrats, for they cannot breed soldiers without women. Indeed, it is a blow at autocracy's principal valuation of women. Maybe, if German women from the ages of 16 to 70 work hard enough, they'll establish a valuation of themselves on the level of the ox, the horse and the motor truck. They will, if they're made too tired to suicide.

COLORED AMERICAN CITIZENS

Americans of every section, of every class, and of evry race have answered the call of their country.

"Twelve million colored people have rallied to the defense of their country in this crisis, and will do their full share in helping to win this world war for democracy.," Dr. Robert R. Morton, principal of Tuskekee Institute, successor to Booker T. Washington in that office, said recently in an address at the Twenty-seventh Tuskegee Conference.

The colored American citizens will do their part in producing foodstuff on the farm, in conserving food in the home, and in fighting in the trenches in Europe, said Dr. Moton, and in addition the colored ministry and the colored teachers will preach and teach thrift among their race.

It has been impossible to obtain figures on the amount of Liberty loan bonds purchased by colored Americans in the first and second loans, but it is known that according to their means and ability the colored race were very loyal and active and most liberal subscribers to the loans.

TOO MUCH COVERING UP

Reading Secretary Baker's statement before the senate committee, one has to wonder why it was not made some time ago, why it took scandalous charges to bring it out The people will eat corn, go without meat and sugar and furnish the men and the money. They are entitled, in return to information. Our war management has concealed from the American people much information that it has not been possible to conceal from Germany. It has been so afraid of furnishing aid and comfort, in the way of information, to Grmany that it has denied desirable aid and comfort to America.

EDITORIALETTES

General Hindenburg says he will be in Paris by next April. Going to surrender, Old Top?

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The man who started the song "Keep the Home Fires Burning" didn't foresee the coal famine.

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Anyway the spring poetry this year will help out the fuel shortage in the newspaper office.

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"New poets will be developed by this war," says John Masefield. That's right, blame the war for everything.

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A Pine Bluff, Ark. man has put a wooden leg on a cow, but it is not leaned that he has supplied any of them with a glass eye.

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For that proposed army of 5,000,000 kid gardners, a supply of about 15,000,000 fat doughnuts will be needed for hungry appetites about 10 a. m. daily.

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The German newspapers print many columns of gloating over the transport they have sunk, but not a word about the many hundreds that have gone over safely.

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After complaining bitterly because our government does not lend him money, our old friend, Whiskers Carranza sends a nauseous note of congratulation to Kaiser Bill.

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Women to take the places of drafted farm help? Anyway they won't have to sit on the front door steps contemplating the scenery until they get their pipes smoked.

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The Germans have issued orders to have American prisoners kept in cages four days without water. Well if so, they won't have to eat any of that German war bread with 5 per cent. saw dust.

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Col. Roosevelt is now on the "Big Game Trails" of Washington, with his trusty 42 explosive breech-loader and firer in hand. Lordy! suppose he should draw a bead on old man Stone of Missouri, by mistake.

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CHURCH NOTES

First Baptist church, Schoonmaker avenue, W. S. Carson, pastcr—Services Sunday at the usual hours.

Sunday school at Shepler Mission Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service in charge of John Hughes at 7:45.

Christian church, Sixth street, near Donner—The pastor will preach in the morning at 10:45 and in the evening at 7:45 Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6.30. The public is welcome to these services

First Presbyterian church—Sunday school at 9:45, F. D Bumbaugh, superintendent. Preaching at 11 o'clock and again at 7:30 by Rev. J. C Steele, a candidate for the pulpit. All members and friends urged to be present.

Holy Trinity Episcopal church, Seventh street and Schoonmaker avenue, February 17—Church school 9 45 a. m , morning service and sermon, 11 00 a m. Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten service at 7:45 Thursday evening, 8:00, meeting of the Young People's Auxiliary.—The Rev D Vincent Gray.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Eighth street, near Donner, Dr. Keller, pastor—Sunday school (Mr. J. B Smith, Supt.) 9:45 a. m. Sr Catechetical instruction during this hour. Worship with sermons at 11 a m and 7.30 p. m Sr Luther League with address by pastor Wednesday 7:30 p m Mr. S Horn, leader Again we invite you to the feast prepared, a chair awaits you, be present and fill it. No one else can take it. We want you

Christ Lutheran church, 231 McKee avenue, E. H Albrecht, pastor—Our appointments for next Sunday are. Sunday school at 9:30 a m German services at 10:45 a m Catechise at 3 p m Luther League at 7 p m. English services at 7:30 p. m Wednesday at 7:30 p m, English and Friday at 7:30 p m, prelenten services You are welcome to all services

First M. E church, corner of Fourth and Schoonmaker, Rev. D. R. Graham, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30, Roger Richards, superintendent, be present and help boost the Sunday school Morning service at 10 45, subject "The Church's Richest Service" Evangelistic services at 7 30 Sunday evening, subject "Shirkers, Jerkers and Workers" Be at church Sunday. Show the community where you stand

Chiesa Italiana di San Paolo, Rev. F. Scarpitti, ministro. Eighth street, (tra Donner and Schoonmaker) Rev F Scarpitti, ministro Orario, dei servizii—Domenica alle ore 3 p. m., Sculo Domenicale, 4 p. m, Predicazione Il Sogetty "Il don di Dio" 2 p. m, Istruzione di Catechismo, 3 p. m, Scuola di culto e kindergarden. Martedi e Venerdi alle ore 4 p m Scuola d'italiano per i bambini—alle ore 7:30 p. m Scuola d'inglese e di'italiano per gli adulti.—Stet Benvenuti.

United Presbyterian church, corner Eighth and Schoonmaker, Rev. Wilson Reid, pastor—Sunday school at 10 o'clock, Prof. Clark McClelland, superintendent. Classes to suit all ages. Worship and sermon at 11 o'clock. Mupch is added to the interest of the service by the splendid music Mr J. K Boyd is leader Sermon subject will be "Prayer—The Encouragement and Results" Jr. meeting at 2:15 in charge of Miss Margaret Gilchrist Subject "What My Church is Doing" The pastor will lead the meeting. Evening service at 7.30. Mrs Reid will speak on "The Ark a Tipe of Christ." On account of the entertainment to be given in the church on Wednesday evening, the mid week prayer meeting will be held at 7.30, at the home of the pastor, 228 Reed avenue Everyone welcome.

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Chuck Roast, per lb..... 1
Rib Roast, per lb..... 2
Shoulder Roast, per lb..... 1
Leg Lamb, per lb..... 3
Lamb Chops, per lb..... 2
Lamb Stew, per lb..... 2
Spare Rib, per lb..... 2
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb..... 2
Fresh Leaf Lard, per lb..... 2
Liver Pudding, 2 pound for..... 2
Country Butter, per lb..... 4
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 5
One pound Oleo Margarine..... 2
3 pound Oleo Margarine..... 8
5 pound Oleo Margarine..... $1.
One pound Good Luck Oleo Margarine..... 3
2 pound Good Luck Oleo Margarine..... 7
5 pound Good Luck Oleo Margarine..... $1.
One pound Creamo Oleo Margarine..... 3
2 lbs. Creamo Oleo Margarine..... 7
5 pound Creamo Oleo Margarine..... $1.
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Another Murder Case in County

This county will likely have another murder case on its calendar as the result of a shooting at Greensburg, which came about over a dispute alleged to have been over $5. George Barnell is a patient in the Westmoreland hospital probably mortally wounded with a gunshot wound through the abdomen. Gordon Jones charged with the shooting, is a prisoner in the Westmoreland county jail.

The shooting occurred about 5:30 in the "Equal Rights Barber Shop," in the basement of the Clifford building. There were several colored men who witnessed the affray and it was due to them that Jones was detained until an officer arrived.

Barnwell and Jones tell slightly different stories as to what the dispute was about. Barnwell says that Jones had come into the shop earlier in the afternoon and wanted to borrow some money. When refused he was angered and left, returning later to open fire on him. Jones said when he was placed in the county jail that the trouble grew out of a "game" that had taken place some time before.

Jones had barely stepped inside the door upon his return when he opened fire on Barnwell. Two other men grabbed the enraged negro and prevented him from making further use of the gun. They immediately made Jones a prisoner. Barnwell started up the steps and got as far as the street before he fell, faint and from the loss of blodd and the shock. He was carried to the office of Dr. D. I. Leatherman, where first aid was administered and he was promptly removed to the hospital. The condition of the patient last night was such as to make an operation dangerous. It is possible that he will be in shape for an operation today if it is believed advisable.

Constable Rudolph Fess, of the Third Ward, who happened to be in the vicinity at the time, hurried to the scene, arrested the prisoner and took charge of the 38 calibre gun with which he had done the shooting.

Barnwell is about 35 years old, married and lives on West Pittsburg street near te hospital. He has lived in Greensburg for some time. Gordon is 23 years old, single and hails from Georgia.

Serenade Ends Disastrously

Edward Wall, aged 15 years, of Greensburg R. D. 5, who was shot while attending a serenade at the Ruche home, near Beatty Inn, Monday evening is still in a critical condition at the Westmoreland hospital in Greensburg.

John Faulsold, of Unity township, was arrested following the accident and brought before Squire J. Q. Truxal. He was charged with felonious shooting and released on $1,000 bail.

If young Wall dies Faulsold may have to stand trial in the Westmoreland county courts.

The accident occurred, it is said, when Faulsold a member of the serenading party, flashed a revolver and shot several times just to add to the noise of the serenaders.

One of the bullets struck Wall in the back. It is thought the bullet struck the spine. The information against Fausold was made by Joseph L. Tressel.

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When the Soldiers Shed Tears

With the American Expeditionnary Army, France, Jan. 1. (By Mail.)—Sometimes a grown man will bust right out and cry like a kid—even a full-grown, hard-swearing bugler of sixteen. And it helps a fellow regain control of the bawl if a motherly woman puts her arm around a fellow's shoulder and says "There, there little son," just as his own gray-haired mother would say if he were back home in Clarinda, Iowa.

Of course a soldier is supposed never to cry. But suppose you were just sixteen and 4,000 miles from home in the holiday season. And suppose your best pal in the world was another man of sixteen. Well, your pal gets sick with pneumonia during a long march through the blizzards. He gets taken away to the hospital. Next thing you hear is that he failed to rally in the crisis and passed out last night—the fellow you enlisted with and bunked with ever since you came into the army.

You are the bugler told to go to the base hospital and blow "taps" over your own bunkie.

There are two young American nurses at the grave-side, standing knee-deep in snow, the wind whipping their red-lined capes every way. They are dabbing at their red eyes with knotted handkerchiefs. They nursed your bunkie those last few days and One of them sobs out loud.

Nothing gets on the nerves of a sixteen-year-old man so much as hearing a woman sob.

The chaplain winds up his stereotyped talk and you place the bugle to your lips. You play taps as you never played it before. But the blizzard howls down the clear quivering notes and drowns out the struggling echoes.

We saw the little boy from Clarinda as he came marching back into the hospital grounds—still a soldier, chin up, eyes front, shoulders squared. He dropped from the parade and went straight to the office of the head nurse to thank her for the care his best pal had received.

Those kindly blue eyes of hers seemed to melt right through the stern soldier "front" of the 16-year old soldier. She called him "sonny" which put him at a disadvantage right off.

Exactly what was said in the next 15 minutes is between Sammy and the gray-haired, motherly head-nurse.

He came out of her office smiling through his tears of loathness a slab of Christmas pudding in one hand and the shiny brass bugle in the other.

The head nurse says it's nothing unusual for grown soldier men to cry—even men much older than sixteen.

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Time Is Extended For War Insurance

The Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety is authorized by the government to announce that Congress has extended the time limit in which applications may be filed for war risk insurance until April 12. This will enable soldiers and sailors who neglected the insurance opportunity until the original time limit barred them out, still to take advantage of this liberal and low priced protection against the hazzards of war.

The government's automatic insurance has been discontinued and no man is now insured unless he makes application. Under the rates fixed it is possible for every man in the service to afford a $10,000 policy. Soldiers and sailors unable to attend to their own applications may cable or telegraph their relatives to make application for them and such messages will be accepted as personal applications by the War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Dependents or relatives of men who have not applied for insurance are urged to write requesting them to invest in protection which may eliminate years of hardships.

Murder in Lumber Camp

Bradford, Pa., Feb 15—Edward Ralph, aged 50, was murdered at noon today in a lumber camp five miles from Crosby, McKean county, and the alleged slayer, Arch Turner, is in the county jail at Smethport. The men were at dinner in the camp boarding house when Turner, it is alleged, entered intoxicated and announced "I've a mind to clean out the whole bunch."

Going upstairs to the sleeping apartments, Turner continued his loud talking. Ralph went upstairs to quiet the man. A shot was heard. Ralph was found in a crouching position bleeding from a gunshot wound

Turner, it is said, with revolver in hand, stood over the bleeding man. Fellow workmen asked Turner to allow them to take Ralph away for surgical care.

"I'll stop his moaning," spectators say Turner replied as he fired the second shot into the man's body, the shot proving fatal.

County Detective J. F. Robinson arrested Turner. Turner, whose father and a brother reside in Port Allegany, is aged 50.

Imports of Tin Slightly Increased

Imports of tin into the United States during the calendar year 1917 showed a slight increase, notwithstanding the difficulties experienced by American importers in getting foreign export licenses and the fact that the importation of this metal is controlled by our own government.

Including the approximate content of imported ore, but not including Alaskan ore, the total imports of tin in 1917 amounted to 68,996 long tons, against 66,624 tons in 1916, according to figures made public today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

Of our 1916 imports 49,415 tons, or 74 per cent of the total, came from England and the Straits Settlements, whereas in 1917 only 41,463 tons, or 60 per cent, came from these two sources. Imports from the Dutch East Indies increased to 14,148 tons, or 20 per cent of the total. Australia, China and Bolivia supplying most of the remaining 20 per cent.

A large part of our Straits tin imports came by way of England as usual, but it is expected that the present year will witness an increase in direct shipments.

TURN HAIR DARK WITH SAGE TEA

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The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite possible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the musey mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire a more youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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SAY GOODBY TO DOUGHNUT

Soaks Up Fat Which Can Be Put to Better Use, Is Judgment of Hoover.

The doughnut is doomed, says the Indianapolis News. Recent intimations of disapproval by the food administration of this matutinal confection might have been regarded as a spur to conservation and a threat that would not be carried out unless as a last resort. Bakers are prohibited in making bread or rolls from adding sugar or fats to the dough during the baking or afterward. Some difference of opinion as to what are rolls has given the doughnut a respite; but it is to be shortlived, according to the state food administrator, who brings this significant news from Washington:

This ruling gives sweet dough goods a temporary lease of life only. Mr. Hoover has a special grudge against doughnuts. They soak up fat which we do not need and our allies are suffering for. So doughnuts and frying pan foods will shortly be taboo and we must not eat or make them until the war is over.

Thus is the fate of the doughnut sealed. Mr. Hoover is known as a determined man who cannot be moved from a course which he thinks will serve the interests of his country. The statement, however, that the food administrator has a grudge against the doughnut will pain many who have peculiarly strong fondness for it as an accompaniment of the morning meal, though Mr. Hoover's animus may arise from motives of patriotism, not prejudice.

If the government says the doughnut must go out of our lives, then go it must. But there will be some natural regret at parting with an old and fried friend. The doughnut, like pie, has become a part of our common life. Many will find breakfast without sinkers an incomplete and unsatisfying repast. But perhaps the abstinence will bring better digestion and more equable tempers.

Internment in Switzerland.

In Switzerland work has been declared obligatory for every interned man whose health permits it. The interned are divided into six classes, according to their physical capacity for work, the classification being intrusted to practicing physicians who must act with prudence. The prisoner works for his own welfare and re-education, not for the benefit of the Swiss, but care is taken to avoid unfair competition with Swiss industry. He receives a wage commensurate with his labor, some governments requiring a portion of the wage to be turned over to them to be used toward the cost of maintaining their prisoners.

A Specious Plea.

"Waiter, I had fully determined to give you a fifty-cent tip when I came in here."

"Thank you, sir."

"But on second thought, perhaps I had better donate it to a war fund."

"I've been drafted, sir. I'm due to leave next week, and I'm sure your conscience won't hurt you for giving that much to a poor devil who will soon be in the trenches."

Monessen Boy Remembered By Friends

Somewhere in France
Jan. 19, 1918.

Dear Boys and Girls of the Progressive Class:

I received the box of candy you sent me. It arrived yesterday, in time to save me from becoming down hearted entirely. It is rather lucky that all the boxes do not arrive at the same time. There are about 10 officers in the same mess (dining room) with me and our boxes coming in this way we keep rather well supplied with candy. The candy was fine and tasted A-1.

I do appreciate the token which brings fond recollections of many good times spent among the best of friends joined together to carry out the best known work for either peace or war times.

The right thing to do is not always the easiest kind of work. I believe this to be true for it isn't easy work over here. The one thing we dread most is the rain, the mud and the cold. This is a beautiful country. Of course I do not mean the section that has been raided by the Huns for in some sections there is not even a tree standing. You can drive along some of the roads and see the devistation all along. In some villages only a gate post remains unshaken. The trees are cut off at a height of five feet. In some sections of the country where I am at present you would hardly believe there was a war going on. Of course, you see no young men. All that are left are children and old men.

France was almost on her last legs until we came into help her. I think Charlamain had better wake up and come to her aid if he is to live up to his legend. "He will come to France's aid, if she ever needs him," is what the French say.

The English soldiers need to be praised. A better bunch of fellows I have never met, after you have thoroughly learned to know them. They are a wonderful bunch of fighters. I have said as much as I can think of now and will stop.

The only thing I can wish for a bunch that remembered me with a box of candy is the best of wishes and hope that we may be together soon. I would be pleased to hear from any of the jolly bunch back in Monessen at any time. With best wishes for the future of the class and thanking you again for the candy I remain,

Yours truly,
Lt. Ivan H. Odbert.
Co. A., 28 Inf.
A. E. F., France
Via N. Y.

Dying From Wound Inflicted By Sweetheart

Uniontown, Pa., Feb 15.—With nine bullet wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by his sweetheart, Miss Darlie Mason, following a quarrel in the girl's home in Edenborn last evening, David Burder, aged 26, of Parshall works, a small town near Masontown, is in a critical condition in the Uniontown hispital.

"I hope he dies," neighbors say Miss Mason remarked as she stood over Burder in her home after the shooting.

Burder, it is said, went to the girl's home last evening and when she refused to elope with him struck her in the face. The girl, it is alleged, then seized a revolver and fired five shots at Burder, who fell. She then reloaded the weapon, it is alleged, and again emptied its contents into Burder's body.

In the hospital Burder was found to have a bullet wound through each shoulder, one through the abdomen, two in each hand and two in the left leg. The girl disappeared.

Fayette Soldiers Neglected

About 20 of the Fayette county draftees arrived in Greensburg, yesterday afternoon and were present in the court house when the men from the Greensburg district were preparing to entrain. When the boxes of food, each containing 10 sandwiches of different kinds, two hard boiled eggs, each, two oranges, an apple and an abundance of cake and their comfort kits, the Fayette county soldiers looked on with envy. They had been headed for the training camp without any attention from their people. They had not been provided even with a lunch, and the comfort kits were not thought of.

Apparently the Fayette county people are not much concerned in patriotism.—Greensburg Tribune.

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A Judge's Rights Are Questioned

Youngstown, O., Feb. 16.—That a judge has no right to suspend a prison sentence once imposed is the construction placed upon a letter received from State Examiner John A. Bliss by Sheriff T. E. Milliken. The sheriff refuses to surrender prisoners whose sentences have been suspended. Demand for a habeas corpus was made yesterday by Attorney John Ruffalo, in the case of Frederick D. Antonia, and a hearing was granted by judge D. F. Anderson.

For his defense the sheriff will produce the letter from the state examiner and he will be supported by Prosecuting Attorney J. P. Huxley. Antonio was fined $25 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Judge George H. Gessner for a misdemeanor. After entering the county jail, Antonio paid his fine and Judge Gessner then suspended the sentence, signing an order for the man's release, but the sheriff refused to release the prisoner. The case is being heard today. If Sheriff Milliken's stand is approved by the court it will effect a revolution in legal practice in Ohio.

Will Complete Plans For The Registration

Chairman of the Women's Registration, Mrs Pomm of Jeannette, has issued a call for all county and township officers to meet in the Greensburg Y. M. C. A Monday, Feb 17 at 1:30 p. m. to complete plans for the registration of all women who are interested in National Defence work. At that time all committees will be completed and the work will be prosecuted actively, energetically and systematically from this time on.

Monessen women are getting a very good start along the line of National Defense work, and the selling of Thrift Stamps and War Saving Stamps has progressed nicely during this week, having practically covered the entire town and canvassed almost every house, and with very few exceptions have placed a thrift or war saving stamp in every home.

The work has been very gratifying and results decidedly encouraging to the ladies who did the work. A report of the amount realized will likely be reported today or Monday.

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Subject for Evangelastic Service Sunday Evening

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LOCAL NOTES

—Leonard Morgan visited friends in Greensburg the past week.

—Charles Ray at the STAR Wednesday in "The Son of His Father." 1t

—Miss Hazel Thaws is visiting with friends in McKeesport today.

—Charles Ray in "The Son of His Father," at the Star next Wednesday. 16-5t

—Garret Livingston has returned to his home in Perryopolis after a visit with friends here.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Whitman and son Donald of Clarksburg, W. Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Monack.

—Our Clearanc Sale still on—all suits and overcoats and shoes reduced. —A. Nayhouse, 521-525 Schoonmaker avenue. 16-3t

—Dorothy, the small daughter of Mr. adn Mrs. W. Lonkorski, is ill at her home on Schoonmaker avenue, suffering of measles.

—Boys' school shoes, solid leather, button, clearance price $1.65.—A. Nayhouse, 521-525 Schoonmaker avenue. 16-3t

—Men's storm shoes., genuine Elk, black or tan, guaranteed, $4.00 value, clearance price $2.95.—A. Nayhouse, 521-525 Schoonmaker avenue. 16-3t

—Choice of men's and young men's $15.00 to $18.00 Overcoats, all wool mixtures, pinch back and plain styles, final clearance sale $8.50.—A. Nayhouse, 521-525 Schoonmaker avenue. 16-3t

—Julius Racy is home from a day spent in Pittsburgh on business.

—Forest, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kerns of Sixth street, is suffering from a severe attack of measles.

—Don't fail to attend the food demonstrations and discussions at the Christian church basement Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22, 10 a. m and 2 p. m.

—Learn how to bake bread with flour substitutes—lectures and demonstrations at the Christian church basement Thursday and Friday, at 10 a.m. and 2 p. m., Feb. 21 and 22.

—Tom Daley is here from Camp Hancock, Ga., on a short furlough, and is being warmly greeted by all his old friends. Tom left here with the National Guard of Monongahela, and this is his first trip home. He looks fine and says he enjoys the life.

—Ben Beckman of 510 Sixth street, a tin mill worker, was locked up last night on account of being drunk. He acknowledged his guilt and was fined $5.00 or five days. He was again locked up until friends would come to his rescue and pay his fine.

Churches Will Make An Appeal

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Five million men, women and children of Pennsylvania will hear at church tomorrow the need for saving food. Proclamations will be read setting forth the reasons for the German successes in Italy and why Russia is out of the war.

The reading of the proclamations will be to the start of the two-week food conservation drive to be conducted by the United States Food Administration in conjunction with the food supply department of the committee of Public Safety, Women's Division of the Council of National Defense, the Speaker's Bureau and the Four Minute Men. Thousands of special meetings in every community of the state will be held for the purpose of educating the people in the need for conserving meat, wheat, fats and sugar. These meetings will be addressed by speakers assigned by the Pennsylvania State Division of the Speakers' Bureau and by the Four Minute Men.

Thomas Shallcross, Jr., is head of the Conservation Department of the United States Food Administration in Pennsylvania, and in a statement today he predicts that if Pennsylvanians do now now occupy first place as the foremost food savers of the nation, they surely will after March 5, when the drive ends.

"I have reason to believe that no stone has been left unturned in our campaign to tell everybody in Pennsylvania why America must eat wisely during the war," said Mr. Shallcross.

The Whispering Pit
By GEORGE ELMER COBB

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A deputation of young boys waited upon Adrian Noble and gave him the most pleasant surprise of his life. Little Benny Burton was the spokesman of the group, and Benny was Lois Burton's brother.

"We're going to build a catamount, Mr. Noble," said Benny seriously.

"You mean a cantonment, don't you Benny?" suggested Adrian pleasantly.

"I guess so," rattled on Benny, "and we want rifle pits, and some barb wire things, and some trenches. We don't want you to do the digging. We'll do that. Just come up and see the dandy place we've got to play soldiers in. Then you sort of mark out where we're to build the pits. We know you can do it, because you're an army officer."

"Not quite yet, Benny," advised Adrian, "but I think I can help you out."

And very glad to do so was Adrian Noble, candidate for the officer's training camp, soon to report for duty. He was glad because it would bring him near to Lois, the one idol of his dreams.

Now Adrian Noble had never told his love. There had not been much opportunity, for Lois and himself met generally when they were members of a group.

"I must tell Lois soon, though," mused the anxious lover. "In another week I will be 200 miles away, leaving the field to clever and handsomer fellows than myself."

Adrian could have marked out the mock camp in two hours. Instead, he took two days and he would have prolonged this military supervision indefinitely, only that Lois was off on a lying visit to a neighboring town. Those first two days, however, were delightful. Lois and her girl friends professed great interest in the little cantonment. She was gracious, more than friendly to Adrian, for she was pleased with his attentions and secretly proud of him for offering his services to his country unsolicited. The little patriots worked like beavers and really constructed a very creditable layout.

"There's one thing we've got to have to watch the enemy," Benny had told Adrian.

"What's that?" inquired the latter.

"Whispering pit, just like they've got in France."

"He means a listening pit," explained one of his cohorts.

"Naw, I don't," dissented Benny staunchly. "Can't you listen and whisper, too, in the pit. Got to whisper if you don't want to be bombed," and so. Just as the soldiers at the front construct a pit beyond the wire line with an underground passage to reach it, an old digging reaching some ten feet down was utilized, and Benny was very proud of this feature of his cantonment.

Adrian visited his young friends daily, but Lois was away and the locality had lost its charm. She returned the day that he received orders to report at the distant training camp.

"I've simply got to see Lois before I go away!" he declared to himself.

Lois had returned, but he did not find her at home. He strolled past the homes of some of her girl friends, where he hoped to catch sight of her, but failed to locate her. It was just after dusk that evening when he went to the vicinity of the Burton home. Adrian passed the house and did not see Lois about the place, and could not summon the courage to go to the door and inquire about her. He rounded the place and traversed the cantonment, hoping to find her in the garden. Suddenly, while he was peering towards the house, he slipped, lost his balance and went headlong into the whispering pit.

"Benny—time to come in for the night," echoed out an abrupt voice. It belonged to Lois, who was in quest of little Benny, expecting to find him at his favorite rendezvous, but Benny had marched down town with his comrades.

Adrian could not repress a sharp cry as he landed in the bottom of the pit, for he fell upon one side and his wrist was sprained.

"Who is there, Benny?" spoke Lois, approaching the edge of the excavation.

"It's me—Adrian Noble," came the reply. "I've fallen in here by accident. It's pretty deep and I can't very well get out through the narrow underground passage, and—"

"Oh, dear; how did it ever happen," cried Lois in her solicitude. "Are you hurt?"

"Nothing to speak of, except my wrist," explained Adrian. "The boy had a ladder—"

"Yes, it's here," responded Lois eagerly. "I'm going to lower it. Whatever were you doing here in the dark?"

"I was hoping to see you."

"Oh!"

"For I'm going away tomorrow. How good you are!" added Adrian, as the ladder lowered, he ascended it, but paused at its top. Lois had extended a helping hand. He did not release it.

"Just a minute, before I climb over," added Adrian, infused with sudden courage—and hope, too—for the anxiety and interest of Lois in him made the moment a delightful one.

"This is the whispering pit, you know, Lois," said Adrian. "I want to whisper something to you before I leave it—I love you."

And Lois did not take away her hand, and when he got to her side she did not run away.

Here Comes the Goshawk.

A warning to sportsmen and others that a dangerous migration is in progress from the arctic regions has been issued by the Iowa fish and game commissioners.

The present invasion is said to be the most serious since that of eleven years ago, when the birds driven southward by a scarcity of hare and ptarmigan, came to this state and devoured grouse by the wholesale.

The goshawk, which, unlike other hawks, flies straightway, instead of in circles, is somewhat larger than a pigeon.—Exchange.

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Comparison of Present Prices With Past Years

A study of wholesale prices during 1916, covering 342 important commodities, or series of quotations, is contained in Bulletin 226 just issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This report is the latest one of a series published annually since 1902. In addition to detailed data for 1916 average prices are shown for each year back to 1890. It is of especial interest as showing the changes in wholesale prices during the second year of the war, while the United States was still neutral, and because of the large amount of detailed information which it presents. Those who wish to trace the movement of prices in 1917 after the United States entered the war may readily do so by consulting the monthly Review published by the bureau, the issue for February, 1918, giving figures for each month of 1917.

Bulletin 226 shows that the upward movement of wholesale prices which began in the latter part of 1915 continued without interruption through the whole of 1916, becoming most pronounced in the closing months of the year. In December the weighted index number for all the articles studied stood at 118 as compared with 89 in January, indicating an average increase in wholesale prices of nearly 33 per cent, and the increase over the level of prices in December, 1914, was more than 49 per cent.

During 1916 phenomenal advances were recorded in the prices of many commodities belonging to the groups designated as farm products, food, cloths and clothing, fuel and lighting, and metals and metal products. In December as compared with January there was an increase of 30 per cent in average wholesale prices of farm products, which include many food articles in the raw state. 28 per cent in wholesale price of food, 40 per cent in cloths and clothing, 60 per cent in lighting and fuel and 47 per cent in metals and metal products. Drugs and chemicals which showed a steady increase during the first 5 months, fell to the lowest point of the year in August and September, afterewards increasing until in December they were 2 per cent higher than in January. House furnishing goods were 9 per cent and lumber and building materials 7 per cent higher in December than in January. The miscellaneous group, which includes such important articles as cotton seed meal and oil, lubricating oil, malt, news print and wrapping paper, rubber, plug and smoking tobacco, whiskey and wood pulp, rose steadily in price being 27 per cent higher in December than in January. Of 242 comparable price series secured by the bureau for 1915 and 1916, 218 showed increases and 11 showed no changes.

Considering the figures for 1917 as shown by information published in the Monthly Review, pronounced increases took place during the first 8 months, the advance from March to May being particularly noticeable among farm products and articles used for food. From June to August there were declines in the food and the fuel and lighting groups and considered in the aggregate September prices were below those of the preceding three months. From October to November most commodities increased sharply in price but there were declines in the prices of metals and metal products and in drugs and chemicals. Comparing December with January, 1917 there was an advance of 53 per cent in average wholesale prices of farm products, 22 per cent in food, 28 per cent in clothe and clothing, 27 per cent in lumber and building materials, 60 per cent in drugs and chemicals, 37 per cent in house furnishing goods and 20 per cent in miscellaneous articles. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 10 per cent for the fuel and lighting group and 5 per cent for metals and metal products. For all commodities there was an increase of 24 per cent in December as compared with January. Average wholesale prices for the year 1917 were 75 per cent higher than those for 1913, the year before the war began.

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